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Due at VFW Conclave, Castro Foe Is Missing

Cuban Dr. Manuel Artime, a Castro foe, is missing today from the VFW convention.

Two friends, quartered here under aliases, fear for his safety.

ARTIME left Mexico City by air last night to tell VFW delegates why he defected from Cuba's Red-tinged government.

"We haven't heard from him," Félix Ferran and Eugene Tower said today.

"We don't know where he

's. We don't know what happened to his two bodyguards."

"All we know is that Dr. Artime is so scared of his life, he never sleeps without the guards in his room."

Artime, 30, was described as one of Castro's original officers in the revolution.

AFTER THE Communist infiltration, the doctor defected and started a counter-revolutionary campaign.

Ferran and Tower said they were members of Artime's patriotic "Democratic Revolutionary Front."

Of Castro, they said:

"He is now behaving like a paranoiac because he feels he is losing support."

Of Cuba:

"There are two Communist movements battling each other.

"Those following the Red-Chinese line want to act now. The Moscow-liners want to take over gradually."

The "take-over" target: the United States.

"IT'S LIKE old times in Russia," the counter-revolutionists said.

"Children are being recruited to spy on their parents. Everywhere there is terror."

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